

**BANKRUPTCY LAW**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine helping families stay in their homes, focusing on the role of bankruptcy laws, including S. 2136, to address the treatment of primary mortgages in bankruptcy, and S. 3690, to help struggling families stay in their homes and to ensure that taxpayers are protected when the Secretary of the Treasury purchases equity shares in financial sit-

uations, after receiving testimony from Tom Dart, Cook County Sheriff's Office, Chicago, Illinois; Michael D. Calhoun, Center for Responsible Lending, Durham, North Carolina; Adam J. Levitin, Georgetown University Law Center, David G. Kittle, Mortgage Bankers Association, and Scott A. Stengel, Orrick, Herrington, and Sutcliffe LLP, all of Washington, D.C.; and Christopher J. Mayer, Columbia Business School, New York, New York.

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## House of Representatives

### *Chamber Action*

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 23 public bills, H.R. 7272–7294; 1 private bill, H.R. 7295; and 3 resolutions, H.J. Res. 101; and H. Res. 1529–1530, were introduced. **Pages H10843–44, H10845**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Page H10845**

**Report Filed:** A report was filed today as follows: Select Committee on Energy Independence and Global Warming: Final Staff Report for the 110th Congress (H. Rept. 110–915). **Page H10843**

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative McNulty to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H10829**

**Notification of Reassembly:** Read the text of the formal notification sent to Members on Thursday, November 13, 2008, of the reassembling of the House. **Page H10829**

**Commission to Study the Potential Creation of a National Museum of the American Latino—Appointment:** Read a letter from Representative Boehner, Minority Leader, in which he appointed Mrs. Rosa J. Correa of Bridgeport, Connecticut as a voting member to the Commission to Study the Potential Creation of a National Museum of the American Latino. Further, Dr. Aida Levitan of Key Biscayne, Florida, previously appointed, shall also be a voting member. **Page H10830**

**Moment of Silence:** The House observed a moment of silence in honor of the men and women in uniform who have given their lives in the service of our nation in Iraq and Afghanistan, their families, and all who serve in the armed forces. **Page H10830**

**Oath of Office—Eleventh Congressional District of Ohio:** Representative-elect Marcia L. Fudge presented herself in the well of the House and was administered the Oath of Office by the Speaker. Earlier, the Clerk of the House transmitted a facsimile

copy of a letter from Ms. Pat Wolfe, Elections Administrator, Office of the Secretary of State, State of Ohio, indicating that, according to the unofficial returns of the Special Election held November 18, 2008, the Honorable Marcia L. Fudge was elected Representative to Congress for the Eleventh Congressional District, State of Ohio. **Pages H10830–31**

**Whole Number of the House:** The Speaker announced to the House that, in light of the administration of the oath to the gentlewoman from Ohio, Ms. Fudge, the whole number of the House is adjusted to 435. **Page H10831**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 1:32 p.m. and reconvened at 3:04 p.m. **Page H10831**

**Calendar Wednesday:** Agreed that the business in order under the Calendar Wednesday rule be dispensed with today. **Page H10831**

**Presidential Message:** Read a message from the President wherein he submitted a certification pursuant to sec. 115(a)(2) of PL 110–343—referred to the Committee on Financial Services and ordered printed (H. Doc. 110–158). **Pages H10829–30**

**Senate Message:** Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H10830.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** There were no yea-and-nay votes, and there were no recorded votes. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 1 p.m. and adjourned at 3:05 p.m.

### *Committee Meetings*

#### **F–22 FIGHTER JET PROGRAM**

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Air and Land Forces held a hearing on the F–22 program. Testimony was heard from the following officials of

the Department of Defense: John Young, Under Secretary, Acquisition, Technology and Logistics; and David M. Van Buren, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Air Force, Acquisition and Management.

#### U.S. AUTO INDUSTRY STABILIZATION

*Committee on Financial Services:* Held a hearing entitled “Stabilizing the Financial Condition of the American Automobile Industry.” Testimony was heard from Senators Levin and Voinovich; Representatives Levin, Upton, Hoekstra, Miller of Michigan, and Kilpatrick, the following CEOs of the automobile industry: G. Richard Wagoner, Jr., Chairman, GM; Robert Nardelli, Chrysler; and Alan Mulally, President, FMC; Ron Gettelfinger, President, United Auto Workers; and public witnesses.

#### OVERSIGHT—FINANCIAL RESCUE PLANS

*Committee on Financial Services:* On November 18, the Committee held a hearing entitled “Oversight of Implementation of the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008 and of Government Lending and Insurance Facilities: Impact on Economy and Credit Availability.” Testimony was heard from Henry M. Paulson, Jr., Secretary of the Treasury; Ben S. Bernanke, Chairman, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System; Sheila C. Bair, Chairman, FDIC; and public witnesses.

#### U.N. MANDATE FOR IRAQ

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Subcommittee on International Organizations, Human Rights, and Oversight held a hearing on Renewing the United Nations Mandate for Iraq: Plans and Prospects. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

#### IMPLEMENTING NEW G.I. BILL REQUIREMENTS

*Committee on Veterans’ Affairs:* On November 18, the Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity held a

hearing on VA’s Short- and Long-Term Strategies for Implementing New G.I. Bill Requirements. Testimony was heard from Keith Wilson, Director, Office of Education Service, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

### Joint Meetings

#### TURKMENISTAN

*Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe:* Commission concluded a hearing to examine Turkmenistan, focusing on prospects for change and a new legislative framework that will result in real reform for upcoming parliamentary election, after receiving testimony from George Krol, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State; Eric McGlinchey, George Mason University Department of Public and International Affairs, and Anthony Bowyer, Caucasus and Central Asia International Foundation for Electoral Systems (IFES), both of Washington, D.C.; and Cathy Fitzpatrick, Jacob Blaustein Institute for the Advancement of Human Rights, New York, New York.

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#### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2008

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

##### Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

##### House

*Committee on Agriculture,* hearing to review the role of credit derivatives in the U.S. economy, 10 a.m., 1301 Longworth.

*Committee on Small Business,* hearing entitled “Review of Recent Federal Efforts to Improve Credit Conditions for Small Businesses,” 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.